

**REMARKS**

**I. Claim Amendments**

Applicants amended several claims. The amendments do not introduce new matter insofar as they are supported by the specification, including the original claims, considered as a whole.

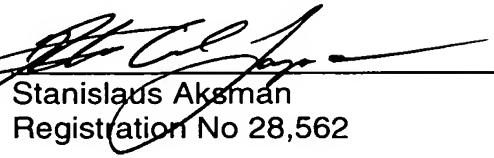
**II. Request for Allowance**

Applicants request an indication of allowance of all claims. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any of the claims are not patentable, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge or credit the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206 for any fees or overpayments related to the entry of this Amendment.

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